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STATUS OF PROJECTS

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NSC review completed.

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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(February 13, 1950 - February 27, 1950)

NSC 62 CHEMICAL WARFARE POLICY
(See NSC Action No. 277)

NSC 63/1 U. S. POLICY IN THE EVENT OF A BLOCKADE OF VIENNA
(See NSC Action No. 278)

NSC NSC SUBCOMMITTEE ON GERMANY
ACTION (See NSC Action No. 280 c)
NO. 176

NSC 1/3 POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO ITALY IN
THE LIGHT OF THE POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION
IN THE GOVERNMENT BY LEGAL MEANS
(See Progress Report by the Under Secretary of State,
dated February 23, 1950)

2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO INDOCHINA
(NSC 64; memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 27, 1950)

Report by the Department of State submitted for urgent consideration and memorandum action by the NSC and the Secretary of the Treasury by the reference memo of February 27. Awaiting action by all Council members and the Secretary of the Treasury.

COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE
(Memo to NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 24, 1950; NSCID 9)

Amendment to NSCID No. 9, "Communications Intelligence," proposed by the Chairman, U. S. Communications Intelligence Board, with the unanimous approval of the members of USCIB and the concurrence of the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and submitted by the reference memo of February 24 for consideration and memorandum action by the NSC, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General. Awaiting action by all Council members, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General.

THE FOREIGN INFORMATION PROGRAM AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PLANNING
(NSC 59; NSC 43/1 and related papers; NSC 4; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 17, 1950)

Report by the Under Secretary of State (NSC 59) prepared by the organization established within the Department of State to carry out the provisions of NSC 4 and NSC 43 and concurred in by the NSC Consultants, submitted for Council consideration on December 20, 1949. This report superseded NSC 43/1, a previous report by the Secretary of State, which had been under consideration by the Council for memorandum action since August 2, 1949. Changes in NSC 59 proposed by the Secretary of Defense submitted for consideration by the other NSC members and the Secretary of the Treasury by the reference memorandum of February 17, 1950. Awaiting action by the other Council members and the Secretary of the Treasury.

THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR INTELLIGENCE
(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 28, 1949; NSC Actions Nos. 231 and 237; NSC 50)

Final progress report by the Director of Central Intelligence, of those called for by NSC 50 and NSC Actions Nos. 231 and 237, circulated by the reference memorandum for Council information.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd)

EXPLOITATION OF DEFECTORS AND OTHER ALIENS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES
(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated January 23, 1950; ref. NSCID 13)

Proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive submitted by the Director of Central Intelligence for the consideration of the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General, as a corollary to NSCID 13, "Exploitation of Soviet and Satellite Defectors Outside the United States". Approved by Treasury, January 24; by Justice, January 26; by State, February 1; by Defense, February 7; by NSRB, February 13. Awaiting action by other Council members.

APPRAISAL OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS, FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS RELATED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY
(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 7, 1950)

Proposal by the Acting Chairman, National Security Resources Board, submitted for consideration and memorandum action by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General. Approved by Justice, February 10; by Defense, February 14; by Treasury, February 16; by State, February 24. Awaiting action by other Council members.

3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD INTER-AMERICAN MILITARY COLLABORATION
(NSC 56; Memo for NSC Consultants from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 14, 1950)

Report by the Secretary of Defense, including a draft NSC report on the subject and an interim directive to the Chairman, U. S. Delegation, Inter-American Defense Board, circulated to the Council for information and referred to the NSC Staff for use in the preparation of a report for Council consideration. Draft report by the NSC Staff submitted to Consultants on February 14, 1950. Consultants meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 2, at 2:00 p.m. Awaiting action by all Consultants.

4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

APPRAISAL OF U. S. NATIONAL INTERESTS IN SOUTH ASIA

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 2, 1949, ref. SANACC 360/14; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 17, 1949; NSC Action No. 224; ref. NSC 48/2)

Report by SANACC (360/14) on above subject, and amendments proposed by Secretary of Defense, referred by the Council at its 42nd Meeting to NSC Staff for use in preparation of study pursuant to NSC 48, "U. S. Policy Toward Asia", and for reexamination in light of that study (NSC 48/2) and the discussion at the meeting. Awaiting initial State draft.

ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE U. S. ASSUMPTION OF BRITISH MILITARY COMMITMENTS

Upon the informal suggestion of the Department of State, the NSC Staff initiated, on September 22, 1949, an analysis to show which British military commitments we might have to take over if the British gave them up and the possible cost to us. CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 235 on "Britain's Overseas Military Commitments", furnished to Staff October 13, 1949, and ORE 93-49, on November 21, 1949, for consideration in connection with the subject. Initial Defense draft of February 23 under consideration by Staff. Awaiting Staff study.

UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING TRADE WITH CHINA (NSC 41/1)

A report by the Secretary of State, circulated to the Council for information, has been referred at the suggestion of the Secretary of State to the NSC Staff for preparation, as a matter of urgent priority, of a report for consideration by the Council. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary of State, the views of the Department of Commerce are being obtained in connection with the Staff study, and the Secretary of Commerce will be invited to participate in any Council consideration of the report. CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 253 on "The Effectiveness of Control of Exports to Communist China", dated December 12, 1949, furnished to Staff for consideration in connection with the subject. Suggested State revisions received December 2, and Defense draft received December 13, 1949. State reviewing these drafts in the light of NSC 48/2. Additional Defense draft received February 27, 1950. Awaiting Staff study.

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IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd)

PROVISION OF ARMED FORCES FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft report on the subject transmitted by the Deputy Under Secretary of State for use by the NSC Staff in the preparation of a report for Council consideration. State preparing initial draft. Awaiting initial State draft.

ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL OF U. S. OBJECTIVES, COMMITMENTS, AND RISKS IN RELATION TO MILITARY POWER

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 20, 1949; NSC Action No. 270; NSC 35; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Measures Required to Achieve U. S. Objectives with Respect to the USSR", dated May 25 and June 21, 1949; Memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, subject, "Measures...", dated March 30, 1949; NSC Action No. 280 b)

At its 51st Meeting, the NSC directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration on the above subject. CIA Intelligence Memo No. 268, "Estimate of Soviet Capabilities and Intentions: Economic: 1951 and 1954", dated January 25, 1950, furnished to Staff for consideration in connection with the project. The reference papers on "Measures Required to Achieve U. S. Objectives with Respect to the USSR" were referred by the Council (NSC Action No. 280 b) to the Staff for consideration in connection with this project. Departmental studies of scope and nature of this project underway. Staff members assisting in these studies as a preliminary step.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO ITALY

(Ref. NSC 1/2 and Progress Report thereon dated February 23, 1950)

In accord with the reference progress report by the Under Secretary of State, the Department of State presented in the NSC Staff certain recommendations for the revision of NSC 1/2. Staff draft, dated February 24, embodying these recommendations is under consideration by the Staff. Awaiting Staff report.

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5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 23, 1949, ref. NSC 18/4, paragraph 28)

Pursuant to par. 28 of NSC 18/4, approved by the President on November 18, 1949, the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Acting Chairman, NSRB, the Attorney General, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget designated representatives to assist in the preparation of a study on the methods by which the United States can make available military assistance to meet emergency needs not provided for in existing legislation. At a meeting of these representatives on December 12, 1949, an outline for the study was agreed upon and drafts of certain sections undertaken by State, Defense, and Justice. The Director of Central Intelligence has prepared an estimate of likely contingencies where military assistance may be requested which is not provided for in existing legislation, together with an analysis of problems in connection therewith peculiar to particular foreign countries or areas. Over-all draft report prepared by Defense on the basis of the 3 section drafts by State, Defense, and Justice, circulated February 14, 1950. Awaiting report by committee.

JAPANESE PEACE TREATY

(NSC 60; NSC 48/2; NSC 44; memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Limited Military Armament for Japan", dated March 11, 1949; memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, subject: "Planning for Limited Japanese Armed Forces", dated April 27, 1949)

Pursuant to paragraph 3-d of NSC 48/2, the question of a peace settlement with Japan will be presented for Council consideration at a later date. The current views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this subject circulated for Council information as NSC 60. NSC 44 and related papers, previously under consideration by the NSC Consultants, referred by agreement among Consultants for consideration in connection with this project. Awaiting results of further study by State and Defense.

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OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont')

U. S. ECONOMIC AID TO FAR EASTERN AREAS
(NSC 61)

Memorandum on the above subject by the Under Secretaries of State and the Army submitted for consideration by the Council, the Secretaries of the Treasury and Commerce, and the Economic Cooperation Administrator of the recommendation contained therein that a working group be designated to give urgent attention to a study looking to closer coordination of economic and military aid programs generally for Far Eastern areas. In accord with this recommendation and with the concurrence of the President, the Secretaries of State, Defense, the Treasury, and Commerce, and the Economic Cooperation Administrator have designated the following representatives as a working group to prepare such a report for consideration by the Council, the Secretaries of the Treasury and Commerce and the Economic Cooperation Administrator: State, Mr. Rusk; Defense, Mr. Voorhees; Treasury, Mr. Martin; Commerce, Mr. Blaisdell; and ECA, Mr. Cleveland. A meeting of the working group is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, at 2:30 p.m. Awaiting working group report.

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6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff December 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued February 25, 1948. Further consideration subsequently deferred until after NSC action on the NSC 20 and 35 Series. Awaiting completion of a study on this subject being prepared by the Department of State as a long-term project.

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